

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masataka AOKI et al.

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Title: METHOD OF TREATING LARGE SCALE STRUCTURAL BODY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows prior to examination. A version with markings to show the changes made is attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIM:

Please amend claim 12 as follows.

12. (Amended) A method of claim 1, wherein the carrying out / in of the large scale structural body is performed by making use of a large scale crane which is disposed outside the nuclear reactor building so that the large scale structural body never passes over the used fuel pool within the nuclear reactor building.